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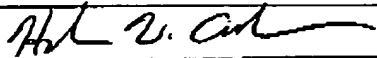
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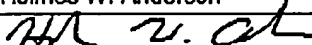
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<b>Title:</b> System, Device & Method for Establishing and Removing A Label Switched Path in a Communication Network	<b>Examiner:</b> Duong
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 17, 2004, please amend the claims to this application as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-24 and 26-49 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 9, 24, 30, 37, 44, and 47 are independent claims. Claims 1, 3-24 and 26-49 were rejected. Claims 1, 9, 24, 30, 37, 44, and 47 are currently amended.

The Office rejected claims 1, 3-24 and 26-49 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Goyal. Goyal describes a technique for establishing labels for flows in a network. All of the arguments offered in support of the rejections are contingent upon the assumption that a flow is substantially equivalent to an